

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for September 15, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

September 15 - 10:30 AM Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Romans 8:22-25 "Groaning, Waiting, Hoping"

September 15 - 6:00 PM
I Kings 2:1-3; 8:56; 12:20-24 "A Walk Through the Bible - I Kings"

September 22 - 10:30 AM
Romans 8:26-27 "Groaning of the Holy Spirit"

September 22 - 6:00 PM
II Kings 17:6-13, 18-20 "A Walk Through the Bible - II Kings"

- Nursery is available for children up to 3 years during the morning service in the Education Building.
- **Children's Church** is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade during the morning service.
- **After the Service**, join us for a time of fellowship on the lawn or in the basement (weather dependent).
- **Join us online**, services can be streamed at www.firstcrcllynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- **September 15** – Ray & Angie serve with East-West Ministries International. Ray is the Head of Formation Conferences at Pars Theological Centre.
- **September 22** – Mission & Outreach
- **September 29** – Memli & Luiza

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Any tithes or offering can be given the following ways: placed in the offering bag on Sunday, mailed to the church office, dropped off at church during the week, or electronically through [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly).

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

PRAISE

- Ada V celebrates her 90th birthday on Sunday, September 15. Join us for cake during our fellowship time in honor of Ada's birthday.
- Congratulations to Brant H and Hallee H who were married on Saturday, September 14.

SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Betty S and family with the passing of her brother-in-law, Ronald S on August 22.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Zacchary H, our new Associate Pastor, his wife, Alicia, and daughter, Olivia, as they pack, sell their house, and move to Lynden. They plan to be in Lynden around the first week of October.
- Glenn G is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Nathan S, son of Robert & Debbie, has been able to come home earlier than expected and continues to recover from surgery.
- Brent B, son of Jennie B, is undergoing testing after being diagnosed with cancer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDCARE NEEDED FOR MOMS@1ST

Moms@1st has been blessed to have lots of moms wanting to attend and with them comes lots of children! We are looking for people willing to help with childcare on Tuesday mornings from 9:15 - 11:00 AM. Can't commit to every other week but willing to help occasionally? We can work with that! We would love to have you sign up to help for 2, 4 10 Tuesdays - whatever works into your schedule! This is an important aspect of the Moms@1st ministry and your time allow these women - many that do not attend our church - the time for Bible study and fellowship with other women. If you are willing to help, please contact Kim A.

PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

All members with school age children should have received a sheet in your church mailbox from the Christian Education Ministry Team. This allows the team to know where children from First CRC are attending - whether it is Christian school, public school or homeschool. The form also explains the Christian School Tuition Assistance program provided to members of First CRC and allows families to chose whether to participate or not. If you have any questions, contact Jake D or any member of the Christian Education Team. Additional forms can be picked up at the church office.

** All parents are asked to please fill out this form and return it to Jake D's church mailbox (C-17) no later than September 29. *If the team does NOT receive this form, you will automatically be opted out of Christian School Tuition Assistance.*

COLLEGE AND CAREER CARE PACKAGES

The team for the College/Career Care package service project (a.k.a. Young Adult Transitions) needs your help. On September 25, our Tribe students will create 13 hand decorated gift boxes for last year's seniors and decorate at least 13 cards for older graduates (2-4 years out of high school).

Would you consider donating towards the gifts, supplies, gift cards, and treats our team has selected by Sunday, September 22. Your contribution will help us bless and connect with these young people and remind them of the church family that loves them. There is a box in the back of the church marked "College Care Packages." You can put monetary donations in that box. THANK YOU! If you have any questions, contact any member of the care package team: Laura B, Swandel E, or Coni H.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes for 4th - 12th grades and for adults will begin on Sunday, September 15 at 9:30 AM. If you cannot be at the first class, please feel free to join any of these at any time!

- **Adults:** Led by Glenn G in the Church Basement
- **Infants – Kindergarten:** Childcare available in the Ed. Building
- **1st grade - 3rd grade:** Led by Stephanie R in the Ed. Building
- **4th grade – 5th grade:** Led by Andrew R the Ed. Building
- **6th grade – 8th grade:** Led by Glen Bin the Ed. Building
- **9th grade – 12th grade:** Led by Mike S in the Loft

LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups, our small groups ministry, are designed for connecting with others at First CRC through fellowship and Bible study, meeting in homes or other locations. Discussions focus on questions about the next sermon coming up. Sign up now at the kiosk in the narthex or contact the church office. For more information, contact Pastor Robert or Phama W.

Life Group facilitator – what do they do and could you be one? Facilitators are not teachers, nor will they do most of the sharing within the Life Groups. They seek to give everyone an opportunity to participate and will guide the closing prayer. All questions and discussion material are provided. If you are interested in learning more about being a Life Group facilitator, contact Pastor Robert.

DINNERS & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Dinners & Fellowship is a way to connect and get to know other people from our church family! Groups of 8 people....singles or couples of any age....meet and share a meal together 4 times during the fall and winter (schedule determined by members) at their homes, church, or some other place. Sign up now at the kiosk, or contact Marilyn M or the church office.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on the first and third Saturday of each month at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. We will be meeting on September 21. For more information, contact Patrick J.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We invite all the women to join us as we meet on Mondays at 10:00AM in the Loft. *Where Do I Belong?* Even when we feel like we're wandering, we don't have to wonder where God is. The good news is that Scripture is filled with people who understand what it feels like to be a little misplaced. By reading their stories and tracing the biblical theme of "exile," we can know with settled assurance that God is with us, even if He seems harder to find. And not only is He present today, He's working on our behalf until we reach our eternal home one day. For more information, contact Joanne K.

MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

The Church's Response to the Mental Health Crisis: Showing Christ's Love is the theme of a conference on September 27-28. Join fellow Christians who desire to learn more about showing the love of Christ to those who are suffering with counseling related-problems. Speakers will be Dr. Mark Kelderman (Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary) and Dr. Jeff Doll (The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling). They will be addressing various counseling-related topics including the need for biblical counseling, social media and the need for parental control, and depression, to name a few. The conference will be on Friday, September 27 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM and Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM. There is no cost to attend. For more information, email lyndenbiblicalcounseling@gmail.com.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We invite all the women to join us as we meet on Mondays at 10:00AM in the Loft through October 14. For more information, contact Joanne K.

FORGED@FIRST (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

All junior high students are welcome to join us this season at Forged@First! We will meet on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

PRAY FOR AMERICA PRAYER GROUP

Join as we pray for America, especially in this season of elections. We will meet on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room. For more information, contact Melissa N.

COUNCIL

Council will meet on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 PM in the Council Room.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Join us for prayer on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more info, contact Patrick J.

WORSHIP PLANNING

Worship Planning will meet on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 PM.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high schoolers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. Please contact Cal B if you need more information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, September 21 at 7:00 AM at Pat's place. For more info, contact Patrick J.

GLOW (2nd – 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

We will have our GLOW kickoff on Wednesday, September 25 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Kim A.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION

All women are invited to join us for a study of Prayer: An Adventure with God. We will begin on Thursday, September 26 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. Books are available in the Education Building kitchen or the church office. For more information, contact Eleanor V.